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NOTICE.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist April 2.

THE HAND GRENADE.

A Very Successful Test Yesterday Afternoon.

By invitation of the agents, Messrs. Whitworth & Kenyon, a crowd of about 800 citizens assembled on the vacant lot corner Government and Courtenay streets to witness a practical test of the Harden "Star" Hand Grenade. A large wooden structure was erected about 15 feet high and 20 long, and this was covered with a coat of tar, and shavings and kindlings piled against it, which were saturated with coal oil and tar. A shaft of about a foot square and fifteen feet high was also built, the inside being saturated with tar and coal oil. This was first fired, and the flames in a few seconds leaped furiously far above it. One bottle of the liquid was broken at the foot of the shaft and almost instantly the fire was quenched.

The larger pile was then ignited and a very hot and fierce fire in a minute was raging, the fire having eaten well into the wood. Mr. Whitworth threw first one bottle, and then broke three more, completely extinguishing the flames, there being but the charred wood remaining. It was apparent to all present that very satisfactory work had been done, and the crowd applauded the success. For an incipient fire, or one confined in a small space, there can be no question as to the great utility of the hand-grenades, and without doubt they will be largely bought for time of need. It is the first few minutes at the fire that often saves a large block; and with one of these bottles of liquid such a disaster can easily be averted.

H. M. S. Triumph.

This ironclad, which is on her way to the Pacific to relieve the Swiftsure as flagship, was on this station some five years ago. She is 6640 tons and has a horse-power of 5110. Her officers are as follows:

Captain, Henry Rose; commander, Francis C. B. B. Simpson; lieutenants, Frederick Hutchinson, John Gibbings, Alger non H. Anson, Scott W. A. H. Gray, Thomas H. Fisher, Maurice W. Portman, Robert J. Kidd; staff com., George A. Broad; captain marines, Robert B. Kirchhoffer; chaplain and nav. inst., Rev Samuel S. O. Morris, M A.; staff surg., Thomas Bolster; paymaster, Henry J. Ray; chief engineer, George Whiting; sub-lieut., Ernest H. Grafton; surgeon, Frederick H. Trevan, Robert J. Lawson; asst. paymaster, George Whitcroft, James G. V. Thain; engineer, Josiah P. Thomas, Arthur J. Johns; assist. engineer, George C. Bath; gunner, George H. Matthews; boatswain, William Marchant, Thomas R. Axon, James Smith (act.); carpenter, James T. Berry; midshipmen, Francis W. Melvill, Alfred C. Sykes. Wm. Driffield, Lord Percy S. Douglas, Edward Reeves; naval cadets, Ernest R. Hamilton, Henry W. Grant, Malcolm S. Pasley, William S Lambert, Robert D. Jaffreys, Arthur Hasley, George M. K. Fair, Francis G. St. John, Alexander A. Gordon, Edward A. Baird; clerk, ...; asst clerk, Francis A. W. Denman, William J L. Scriven.

Y. M. C. A.---Report for March.

Total attendance in rooms	4,220
Calls made by G. S. on business	300
Calls made by G. S. on young men	420

We have to report an increased attendance as compared with last month. The thanks of the association are due to Mr. James Reid, for a pencil drawing; to "A friend," for a donation of $5; to Mr. A. A. Green, for presentation of a map of British Columbia; and to Messrs. Shakespeare and E. O. Baker, M. Pa., for supplying the reading room with reports of debates, etc., in the house of commons. The reading room and library are free to all, on week days from 9 a. m. to 9:30 p. m., on Sundays from 9 to 10:45 a. m. and 12:15 to 6:45 p. m. A gospel service is held every Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. A young men's meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m., and Bible study every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m., to which all are invited. It has been decided by the association to enter on special work for boys at once. Boys wishing to join can hand their names in to the secretary, and on taking the pledges required they will be nominated for membership.

Personal.

Mr. L. F. Hamilton, C. P. R. land commissioner, returned from Coal Harbor and English Bay Tuesday, having completed the preliminary survey of the townsite.

Mr. F. S. Barnard, manager of the B. C. Express company, returned from the east yesterday.

Hon. Dr. Helmcken has left St. Joseph's Hospital, and is now speedily recovering at his residence, James Bay.

Rev. Father Durand, of Montreal, who accompanied Archbishop Seghers to this place, will remain permanently in the province.

Dr. Chipp, F. R. C. S., who arrived from the mainland on Tuesday, will establish himself here permanently and practice his profession at Victoria.

Mr. C. M. Chambers, of the Dominion finance department, has returned from Comox. He reports the spring well advanced and farmers preparing to put in large crops.

Steamer Movements--An Ocean Boat Every Four Days.

The Oregon Improvement Co. have decided to adapt the steam colliers Willamette and Walla Walla for carrying passengers and freight between San Francisco and the Sound. The charter of the Mexico will be surrendered and she will be taken off the northern route. The Walla Walla and Willamette will make alternate trips with the Queen and the G. W. Elder and a steamer will leave San Francisco and Victoria every four instead of every eight days as at present. The Central Pacific steamer San Pedro will be taken off the San Francisco route and will be adapted to the China trade.

Marine.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Arrived, the steamer San Pedro, from Tacoma. Sailed British steamer Barnard Castle, for Nanaimo; ship Canada, for Tacoma; ship Ericson, for Seattle.

HYMENEAL.—Last evening the marriage ceremony was celebrated at the First Presbyterian Church between Mr. Joshua Hall and Miss Lucretia E. Alexander. Long before the bridal party arrived the church was crowded with friends of the bride and groom and others. The bride, who was dressed in cream colored satin trimmed with rich lace, looked very handsome as she passed up the aisle of the church followed by the gaze of many admiring eyes. The young lady was given away by her father, Mr. Alexander of Saanich. A reception was given during the evening at which there was a large attendance.

THE mill property on the corner of Government and Herald streets was sold yesterday by Mr. George Byrnes to P. Dunlevy, of Soda creek, for $5,000.

PORT MOODY.—The Dominion government are inviting tenders for the construction of a wharf, with iron piles, at Port Moody.

ARCHBISHOP SEGHERS.

He is Given a Generous Welcome.

The Geo. E. Starr arrived about one o'clock yesterday afternoon, having on board His Grace Archbishop Seghers and secretary. A deputation composed of the Roman Catholic clergy and a number of the laity met his grace at the steamer and gave him a formal welcome. Carriages in waiting conveyed the party to the Roman Catholic cathedral on View street.

After his grace had put on the robes of office an address of welcome was tendered him at the door of his residence, Mr. James Murray reading the address, which was beautifully illuminated.

THE ADDRESS.

May it please Your Grace:—The last occasion on which we had the honor of welcoming your grace to Victoria was when you made a temporary visit to your revered predecessor. Now, however, we have the unspeakable gratification of receiving you as our chief pastor. In this connection we cannot forget that you descended from a position of elevated position in the Church of God to labor for the conversion of the poor savage, as well as for the salvation of your Christian flock. We have followed with more than ordinary interest your missionary career since leaving the Eternal City, and it would be superfluous to say your appeals and exhortations were everywhere received with that admiration and delight which they have always commanded. We cannot help mentioning the fact, that under the guidance of our highly esteemed and learned administrator, the Right Rev. Father Jonkam and his zealous assistants, the work of the ministry has been prosecuted vigorously and successfully, in your very extensive diocese, during your absence. May we request, as especial favor, that on the first favorable opportunity your grace will convey our warmest regards to your venerated predecessor, Bishop Brondel. We pray for your grace's good health, and a long and prosperous career amongst us; though on this latter point it might not be safe to rely too much, for we know not what designs the Holy Father may entertain of availing himself of motion of Coun. Smith the water of your grace's services in a more exalted sphere. Signed on behalf of the committee,

JAMES MURRAY,
E. A. MCQUADE.

His grace in reply said that their words were right to his heart and caused him great gratification. Their joy at again seeing him in Victoria was not greater than his. He had always considered this his home and he was like the prodigal now returning and it was his intention, if God so dictated, that he should labor among them until his death. The last expression of their address was most flattering, but he hoped the Holy See would take no such action. He had always thought of the people among whom he had first labored, and while in Rome had also prayed for their success. He trusted that he would always retain their love and affection and also hoped that they would second him in advancing the cause of religion and morality in Victoria. He had escaped many dangers since last he parted with them and he now asked them to adjourn to the church and thank the Giver of all Good for his many mercies.

At the entrance to the cathedral his grace was met by the clergy and acolytes and proceeded to the altar, where a service of thanksgiving was celebrated, after which his grace gave an eloquent address to the congregation, thanking them for the warmth of their reception and trusting that his labor among them might be one of love and goodness as an example of the Great Head of the Church, whose representative he was. After the address his patrishioners went to the altar and received his grace's blessing.

AT THE CONVENT.

After the ceremony at the cathedral, the Archbishop and party drove to the convent of St. Ann, where he was received by the Mother Superior and sisters and about 200 pupils and children. A congratulatory address was then presented to his grace by several of the young ladies. The reception hall was beautifully draped and festooned and decorated with lovely flowers, the blinds drawn and illuminated with gas; a raised dais and canopy was at the end of the hall for his grace. After the reply of his grace, a number of the advanced pupils gave vocal and instrumental solos and choruses and recitations, for which they were warmly commended. A couple of pieces of original verse welcoming his grace were also read by the pupils. On the wall were a number of beautifully worked mottoes, one being "A thousand welcomes," and another "*Victoria fides*," meaning faithful to queen and country, the true sentiment of Victorians.

After again thanking them for the very generous reception he had received and exhorting them to greater efforts in their studies and also to advancement in the things pertaining to their eternal good, his grace returned to his residence.

What Some People Say.

That A. E. Wayne, proprietor of the Gold Bar restaurant, at Seattle, skipped out owing a large sum, but was overhauled at Tacoma and will be made to disgorge.

That Sir Julius Benedick, the composer, is dying.

That John Daly, formerly a home rule member of parliament for Cork, has become a bankrupt. His liabilities are reported at $150,000.

That Jefferson Davis is seriously ill.

That Gen. Grant is slowly sinking.

That Gen. McClellan has been offered the Russian mission, but declined.

That the spread of temperance principles in the army is remarkable. Before embarking upon the Soudan campaign thousands of soldiers voluntarily took the pledge; knowing that total abstinence was a safeguard against the evils of the climate.

That the Gladstone government has appointed three women, the Hon. Maud Stanley, Lady Ducie and Miss Baker, of Holborn, upon the district asylum board. Some time ago Mrs Nassau, Sr., was appointed inspector of district schools for pauper children.

That since the Harper $500 liquor license law went into effect in Illinois, two years ago, the number of saloons in that state has been reduced from 13,000 to less than 9,000, and the aggregate revenue derived from the sale of liquor reaches $4,500,000, over six times as much as was formerly paid in from a vastly greater number of saloons.

That a lady has been admitted to practice at the Oregon bar.

That a second reading of the Sunday by-law was had last evening, when the council went into a committee of the whole to discuss the different clauses.

That yesterday being All Fools day, many jokes were perpetrated upon the unsuspecting.

That the drains are to be thoroughly flushed.

That the Sunday closing by-law met with a cold reception at the city council last night.

CHINESE THIEF.—Yesterday Officer Sheppard arrested a Chinaman named Hing, charged with being in possession of stolen property. When the officer went to the washhouse, on Douglas street, Hing was lying in bed, and evinced a reluctance to get up. When compelled to do so, it was found that he was resting on several sheets and pillow-cases, marked "Pritchard House," from which they were stolen.

FALL IN FURS.—The mere suspicion of war between England and Russia has caused furs to decline. Fisher, marten and fox skins have declined 25 per cent., otter 40 per cent., and mink 50 per cent.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. Vernon was numerously attended. The service at the cathedral and at the grave was conducted by Revs. Jenns and Beanlands. The pallbearers were Sir M. B. Begbie, E. Marvin, sen'r, Mr. T. S. Dobbin, Mr. Jas. Boscowitz, Mr. A W. Vowell, Mr. A. W. Jones and Mr. E. C. Neufelder.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, April 1st.

The regular meeting of the council was held last evening.

Present—His Worship in the chair, and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Smith, Earle, Teague, Braden, Grant, Ward and Warner.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From M. W. T. Drake, suggesting on behalf of residents of Rock Bay that the approach to the bridge from Store street be changed to another course, as thereby it would be greatly improved. Received and referred to the street committee and city surveyor for report.

From W. Watt, stating that on account of an accident to himself and continued sickness of his wife, they were in destitute circumstances, and asking that temporary relief be afforded him. Left in the hands of the mayor to act as he thinks fit.

From Mann & Heron, asking for street lines on Broad street, and also for use of street while erecting a building. Granted.

From Mrs. F. Luxford and others, stating that a pig ranch was about to be started in their neighborhood and asking that the council take action to prevent it, as it was in the city limits. Laid on the table.

From E. Mallandine, calling attention to a drain emptying on his lot on Simcoe street, which was filled with disgusting matter. Referred to sanitary committee.

From W. T. Whiteway, asking that the water mains be extended to Caledonia avenue. Referred to water committee with power, if the service comes within the provisions of the by-law.

The accounts for the month were read and ordered to be paid if found correct.

SANITARY REPORT.

The sanitary officer reported several nuisances, one being that of Tai Chaug Kwan who was commencing the establishment of a piggery inside the city limits.

The usual notices were ordered to be served on the parties complained of.

STREET COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The street committee presented their report, the items of which were taken up separately.

The clause submitting a plan for extending Rock Bay avenue to the Gorge road and stating that the cost would be $1,000, was agreed to.

The clause in reference to the extension of Chambers street, the cost to be $250, was passed.

The cost of extending and improving Cook to Vancouver street, the cost of the same to be $110, was passed.

The clause in reference to the proposition of Mr. DeCosmos for the widening of Pandora street, stated that the cost of securing Captain Rudlins house would be $8,000. The item was passed.

The clause in reference to complaint of ratepayers of the bad condition of the sidewalk on Fisgard street recommended that the loose boards be nailed and a few new ones put in. Adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Coun. Ward gave notice that he would introduce a by-law to regulate the moving of buildings.

Coun. Robertson moved, seconded by Coun. Braden, that all workmen in the employ of the corporation be allowed to quit work on Saturdays at 4 o'clock without reduction of wages. Carried.

WATER MAIN.

Moved by Coun. Smith, seconded by Coun. Robertson, that the pipe at Snyder's Hill be changed to a lower level, so as to allow a sufficient water supply, the cost to be $700. Carried.

PARK CARETAKERS.

Coun. McKillican's by-law to amend the remuneration by-law so as to increase the park caretaker's salary to $75 was read a first time.

SUNDAY BY-LAW.

Coun. McKillican's by-law to secure a better observance of the Sabbath was read a second time. This by-law provides that no work shall be carried on by mechanics, barbers and others on Sunday, that no work of any kind shall be carried on, except that positively necessary, such as unloading live stock, etc; that it shall be unlawful to sell liquor between certain hours of Saturday night and Monday morning; that places for the playing of games shall also be closed, etc.

Coun. McKillican said that the necessity of passing a law to secure the better observance of the Sabbath was every day becoming more apparent. Every councillor could see the necessity for it, and he thought it would also be in accord wit the general desire of the community. It would be of great benefit to the young of the community, who were tempted on all sides on Sabbath day in the shape of gambling and whisky drinking.

Coun. Teague, in seconding this motion, said that he did not entirely agree with the whole matter of the bylaw, but still he thought that some steps should be taken. He thought the saloons should be closed at a reasonable hour on Saturday night, but he did not think that the city's morality was so bad as it was represented.

Coun McKilican thought that the old residents did not see the evils as newcomers did, for the reason that they were accustomed to them.

Coun. Ward moved that as the matter was likely to give rise to considerable discussion the matter be considered in committee of the whole.

Coun. McKilican did not see the reason for so much committee work. He believed in having these matters public.

Coun. Grant thought the matter should be discussed publicly.

Coun. Ward did not want any secret work. He would be willing to have open discussion.

Coun. Robertson thought more time should be given by members to consider the by-law. As far as he had heard it belonged to an age gone by, certainly not to the advanced age in which we lived.

The amendment that the by-law be considered in committee was carried.

The council went into committee, Coun. Earle in the chair.

The first clause in reference to the sale of goods on the Sabbath, except actual necessities, such as drugs, medicines, restaurants, etc., was considered.

Coun. Braden did not think there was a necessity for the passing of any such law. It would interfere with necessary business and so far as the good behavior of Victoria was concerned he thought it first class.

Coun. Robertson was opposed to every clause of the by-law; it was interfering with individual rights, and if dealt with at all, it should be by legislature. If they closed the saloons in town on Sunday their would be debauchery going on outside the limits to an alarming extent. He believed Victoria to be as well regulated as any town or city he had ever been in and he had visited several hundred.

His worship thought it was to be regretted that Coun. McKillican had not brought in a more moderate by-law. He would support a law regulating the closing saloons and bars, and probably the restricting of certain bad habits, such as that of playing base ball on Sunday at the park. He thought it was a matter for the legislature to deal with. If Coun. McKillican would bring in one more moderate in its provisions, he would support it; in its present shape he could not.

Coun. McKillican said a strong by-law had been brought in for the purpose of getting a weak one passed. If a weak one had been brought in nothing would have been gained. It was in the power of the council to modify it.

Coun. Grant thought the by-law should be modified and a copy furnished each member of the council to deal intelligently with it. He would move that the committee rise.

Coun. Smith said that he thought there was no occasion for a by-law to be passed to curb any one's free will. He thought such a by-law as this one was unnecessary, and if a Sunday law was passed by this council the saloons out of town would furnish all the liquor that would be required. The behaviour of the city on Sunday and at all times was good.

Coun. Ward thought the measure a too sweeping one, and one not required at the present time, and he could not support it.

Coun. Warner thought also the by-law was taking too much scope. The closing of saloons was perhaps a good requirement, but the legislation should come from the government not from the council. As to the character of the city, he thought it was as good as any he had ever been in.

Coun. Pearse moved in amendment that the by-law be referred back to the mover for modification. Lost.

The motion that the committee rise was carried.

REPAIRING FENCES.

On motion of Coun. Robertson all owners of property on Pandora street encroaching on said street are to be instructed to remove all fences encroaching on said street.

REPAIRING SIDEWALKS.

Coun. Smith said that a great many sidewalks needed repairing, and he would move that another man be employed to give the city carpenter assistance. Coun. Smith would also draw attention to the fact that Cedar Hill park was being encroached on, the trees cut down, and he thought steps should be taken to have it handed over to the city.

The resolution authorizing the street committee to employ further assistance, was carried.

Coun. Smith moved, seconded by Coun. Robertson, that steps be taken to have the Cedar Hill park made over to the city. Carried.

Coun. Braden called attention to a very bad smelling gutter underneath a sidewalk on Fort street. He would move that a new drain be constructed on the outside of the walk. Seconded by Coun. McKillican, and carried.

Coun. Ward called attention to the fact that a number of residents in James Bay ward were in the habit of throwing garden and other rubbish into the street. He would move that a notice be published stating that the bylaw in reference to the same would be enforced.

Coun. Braden thought the police were not doing their duty in these matters. They should hunt up the offenders and have them prosecuted.

The resolution carried.

MISCELLANEOUS.

His worship said before the council adjourned he would ask that a motion be passed empowering the water committee to clean and flush the drains.

On motion of Coun. Smith the water committee were empowered to employ two men to flush the drains.

Coun. Braden asked what had been done about connecting the drains from store with the theatre drain being at present built on Fort street.

It was discovered that the matter was being looked after by the city engineer.

Coun. McKillican drew attention to the fact that the police court room was not supplied with any one who would clean the room.

His worship said he would report on the matter.

His worship said it had been customary to place a sum at the disposal of the mayor, for charitable purposes to be disposed of in sums not to exceed $20.

On motion of Coun. Smith the sum of $250 was placed at his worship's disposal for such purposes.

The council adjourned until 7:30 Monday night.

From the Daily Colonist, April 3.

THE RUSSO-AFGHAN DIFFICULTY.

Russia's Reply to England.

Virtual Acceptance of Proposals.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

LONDON, April 2.—The reply of Russia to England's proposal regarding the outposts on the Afghan frontier has been handed to Earl Granville. It amounts to a virtual acceptance of the more important proposals of England.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Clearihue will go to Cassiar on the Idaho, and will remain there for the summer. In the fall it is the intention of Mr. Clearihue to erect a dwelling-house on Cadboro Bay road.

Mr. Justice Crease, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. McDougall and Rev. Mr. Everton were passengers by the Enterprise.

Mr. E. Mohun, C. E., and Mr. U. Nelson were passengers by the Princess Louise.

Mr. Richards and family and Mrs. Dupont arrived by the Queen of the Pacific.

Mr. R. H. Alexander, manager of the Hastings sawmill, came up on the Queen.

The many friends of Capt. Alexander were pleased to welcome him and his staunch vessel back, after his temporary absence from the San Francisco and Victoria route.

Hon. J. W. Trutch and Mr. Bovill arrived by the Queen of the Pacific last night.

Moral Regeneration.

An evening contemporary—which seems to be used as a sort of chronicle of events that concern people of a certain disreputable class—announces that the name of the Park Hotel is about to be changed to "The Colonist Hotel." This is a wise selection. It is evidence that the proprietoress has resolved to turn over a new leaf and has begun the work of reformation by adopting a respectable title for one that had become "a byword and a reproach" all over the coast. The citizens will watch the moral regeneration of the establishment with interest. But the reform must be in fact as well as in name. *The Colonist* is not going to allow its name to be used to cloak licentiousness.

Marine.

The Lady Head commenced discharging freight yesterday morning.

The steamship Idaho arrived early yesterday morning from Portland with a large number of passengers for the north. She will leave for Alaska this morning.

British bark Fleetwing, from Moodyville, with lumber, arrived at Melbourne March 28th.

British bark Pacific Slope, from Burrard Inlet, with lumber, arrived at Sydney Feb. 28th, waterlogged and with masts gone.

American ship State of Maine sailed from Shanghai for Nanaimo Feb. 21st.

Ship Harvester is under the V. C. Co.'s shutes taking in coal.

Two vessels are almost due at Nanaimo, one from Japan and the other from Central America.

Bark Oyclone arrived at Departure Bay on Sunday, and will load Wellington coal for the Sandwich Islands.

Steamship Euphrates is taking on board a supply of Wellington coal, and will leave to-day for San Francisco, thence to China, Japan and England.

Steamship Wellington completed her cargo of Wellington coal and sailed for San Francisco.

The Queen of the Pacific, Capt. Alexander, master, arrived at 11 o'clock last night with large passenger and freight lists. Passengers report the voyage the most pleasant ever experienced on the route. The G. W. Elder was passed early yesterday morning at the mouth of Columbia river.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—Arrived—Ship Yosemite, New Tacoma.

SEVERAL of the cases unloaded from the barque Lady Head are fourteen feet long and six feet square, and contain English carriages consigned to some of our business men.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.—Rev. Mr. Dunn, of Langley, is in town for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions for a Presbyterian church at Langley, and another at Mud Bay. It is believed that he will meet with a generous response from all denominations.

THIS being a holiday, a walk to look at the building lots to be sold to-morrow evening by Mr. Wolf would not be a bad idea for intending buyers.

R. E. CHURCH BAZAAR.—Arrangements for this affair are nearly completed, and the ladies are confident that in quality and quantity the goods to be offered will excel any previously offered here, while prices will be low.

What Some People Say.

That because a man happens to be possessed of "the constitution of a hare," it by no means follows that his physician is justified in treating him like an ass.

That yesterday was the warmest day experienced here since the spring commenced.

That many of the buildings now in course of construction are rapidly nearing completion.

That the Toronto Mail paid three per cent. dividend last year and paid off the $20,000 loss sustained by a fire.

That a Victorian who left Ottawa ten days ago reports the frost 20 degrees below zero and between five and six feet of snow.

That Joe Smith, who pointed out Burke on the day when the latter was assassinated in Phœnix park, is dead, and Kavanagh, the driver of the car on which the assassins escaped, is in a lunatic asylum.

That gossip says Mrs. Garfield is about to marry a Presbyterian clergyman named Taylor. Her friends indignantly deny the report. But what if she should decide to marry again? Who would be wronged?

That a Portland drygoods dealer has been thrown into a profuse perspiration by the receipt of anonymous letters in which the writers threaten to blow up his store.

That a very wealthy man said to his wife: "I do wish that people would let me and my affairs alone. I am annoyed beyond measure by their meddlesome interference and unsought-for advice. I want to do as I please and spend my money as I like. They seem to forget," he concluded, with a sigh, "that some day they may be rich themselves."

That the Yosemite is being thoroughly repaired, and will shortly be put on the mainland route.

That the Chinese of Victoria had a celebration in honor of the victory over the French in China.

That George Hunter Cary, the first attorney-general of the colony of British Columbia, who died many years ago, was the favorite pupil of the late Earl, then Sir Hugh Cairns.

That Tamai is about sixty miles from Suakim, on the road to Berber.

That at the drill-shed last evening Capt. Prior informed the members of his battery that hereafter he intended issuing summonses to those members who did not attend drill twice a week. He further said that the extra drills were caused by orders from Ottawa, as serious trouble and active service were expected.

Stabbing Affray Near Savona.

A letter from a correspondent at Camp 33 of the C. P. R. construction bring particulars in reference to the stabbing affray that occurred a couple of weeks ago. One of the men working in the camp, named Geo. Bratton, had been to Savona during the day and returned intoxicated and bringing whiskey. Bratton immediately commenced raising a disturbance among the men, and Mr. McGillivray interfered to preserve order. Upon this Bratton drew a knife and stabbed McGillivray on the head and breast in a frightful manner, after which he attempted to escape, but was prevented by some of the men, and a constable and doctor sent for. Dr. Wade and Constable Swan, of Savona, arrived in an hour's time. The injured man's wounds were dressed, and when our correspondent wrote he was rapidly recovering. Mr. McGillivray is a quiet man, and a great favorite with his workmen, and so greatly incensed were they at the cowardly deed that they threatened to lynch his assailant. They were persuaded to the contrary by McGillivray, and Bratton was taken to Kamloops, where he will be tried next week.

The Geological Survey.

The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says: "Notwithstanding the report of the select parliamentary committee last session on the state of the geological survey, and their recommendation that no more time and money be spent upon useless geography, a large portion of the money granted for the survey last session was spent in getting up an Indian dictionary and a large colored map showing the location of the different Indian tribes of British Columbia. What have these things to do with geology? and could not Mr. George Dawson employ his time at something more practical. Indian dictionaries may be very useful at times, but there is no reason why such works should be published with money granted for the purpose of prosecuting geological researches."

Slide at Port Haney.

A big log slide took place at Port Haney on Wednesday evening, which prevented the train from the upper country reaching Port Hammond. Captain Mayor of the Princess Louise immediately left Hammond for Haney, where the mails and passengers were transfered from the train to the steamer. Division Superintendent McKinnon was hurt by a log falling upon him; but not seriously. When the steamer left Port Haney the railway hands were blowing out the logs.

ATHLETIC.—The Victoria Athletic Club held their semi-annual meeting in their club room on Fort street, March 31. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, W. H. Paine; Vice-President, R. O. Robinson; Treasurer, Thomas Deasey (re elected); Secretary, Sol. Oppenheimer; Financial Secretary, W. Whittaker; Captain, Findley; First Lieutenant, A. B. Palmer; Second Lieutenant, George Edman. It is the intention of the club to give an exhibition of athletic sports on the 24th of May, to be open to all comers. A committee has been appointed to make arrangements and no doubt an interesting programme will be prepared. The club, which was organized in September, 1884, is prospering and should be countenanced by all, as it is one of the best means of providing healthy recreation for our young men.

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SIR ELLIOTT ANDERSON.—The Ottawa Sun announces that Mr. Elliott Anderson, the Hawaiian Consul General at Ottawa, has been created a Knight Commander of the Order of Kalakua by the king of the Hawaiian Islands in recognition of his services as consul general. Sir Anderson, who was formerly a resident of Victoria, is to be congratulated upon the modesty with which he "bears his blushing honors thick upon him," and we make no doubt he will do honor to the order.

MUNICIPAL REVISION.—Messrs. Crossdaile and Heisterman, the revisors of municipal real estate, are pushing ahead with their duties. The result, it is hinted, will show a large increase in the value of city property and some holders who, in consequence of undervaluation, have been looked on as prospective candidates for the almshouse, when the revisors report will find themselves comparatively rich men.

COUNTERFEIT COIN.—There are quite a number of counterfeit American standard dollars in circulation in this city. The counterfeit is a very poor one and easily detected, but it would be wise for merchants and others to be on the lookout and endeavor to secure the arrest of the circulators.

AN obscure evening paper complains that *The Colonist* ignores it. Our advertising rates will be found on the first page. If the o. e. p. wishes to avail itself of *The Colonist's* circulation it will please remember that the terms (to it) are strictly cash in advance or certified cheque.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

CANADA.

MONTREAL, April 1.—It is stated by a government official, who came here from Ottawa, that a cable message from Lord Wolseley had been received by Lord Lansdowne, asking if he could get one or two regiments from Canada to serve in the Soudan.

OTTAWA, April 1.—Many members around the house to-night blame the government for not using the American route for transporting troops, either by permission of the United States or by sending arms and accoutrements through the lines and men attired in plain clothes.

TORONTO, April 2.—A dispatch reached here from Colonel O'Brien to-day ordering the York Rangers to hold themselves in readiness to leave this afternoon. Bulletins were immediately issued from the newspaper offices and the greatest excitement prevails. Crowds are on the way to the Queen's wharf, where the Rangers will embark and be joined by the Simcoe Foresters contingent. They go by the Canadian Pacific.

EGYPT.

SUAKIM, April 1.—The enemy suddenly appeared to day in large force in the direction of Handaub. The men at work on the railroad were rapidly withdrawn. A detachment of cavalry was sent out this morning to reconnoitre in the neighborhood of Tamai. They found Tamai occupied by a large force of the enemy. A general advance of the British forces will begin to morrow morning at daybreak. The troops will stop at the Zareba to-morrow night, and will march on Tamai on Friday morning.

LONDON, April 1.—A later despatch from Suakim says it is expected that the British attack upon Tamai will be made to-morrow. The Muret tribe, 3,000 strong, have offered to submit to the British.

SUAKIM, April 1.—The troops at Gen. McNeil's zareba will march out at daybreak to construct the zareba three miles nearer Tamai. They will be supported by a detachment of cavalry troops. Gen. Graham's camp will then advance to the first zareba, and the whole British force will attack Tamai on Saturday. There appears to be about 12,000 Arabs between Hasheen and Tamai.

SUAKIM, April 2.—Gen. Graham has formed a Zareba three miles from Tamai. The British cavalry hovered within threequarters of a mile of Tamai without opposition.

SUAKIM, April 2.—Gen. Graham telegraphs from Gen. McNeill's zareba, under date of 11 o'clock this morning, as follows: We are advancing upon Tamai with our entire force and will endeavor to compel the enemy to fight to-day.

LONDON, April 2.—A despatch from Gen. Graham, dated six o'clock this evening, gives the following history of the day's advance: "We advanced at four o'clock this morning with the entire force in square formation, the cavalry scouting. We reached the zareba at ten o'clock. There we reconnoitered from balloon. The enemy was reported visible in small numbers. The weather is fairly cool, and only a few men fell out of the ranks for water. We continued to advance in the afternoon until three o'clock, the mounted infantry and Bengal calvary scouting. At 3 o'clock we occupied Treselah hill, eastward of Tamai. The enemy appears to have retired, but no precautions against an attack will be neglected.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The following dispatch from Commander Kane, of the Galena, has just been received by the secretary of the navy: Aspinwall is in ashes, burnt by the insurgents to escape capture by the government troops. The Pacific Mail dock and railroad property, on the north end of the island, and the canal property at Crispol, are the only buildings saved. Shipping is safe. Have all my force on shore protecting property. My ship is crowded with refugees. Thousands are destitute and without shelter.

PANAMA, April 2.—The particulars of the battle of Colon and the burning of that city are still meagerly reported. The attack upon the rebel chief Preston by the Colombian troops was led by Col. Ulloas. Preston's forces were utterly routed. It was a bloody engagement. As soon as Preston became convinced it would be impossible for him to maintain his position, he set fire to the city in various places and then made his escape. Only a few of his followers succeeded in getting away with him. The city is in complete ruins, only three houses being left standing. Much distress prevails among the people. Everything is quiet here at Panama, and there are no serious apprehensions of an attack from the insurgents.

NEW YORK, April 2.—From Aspinwall with pearls who have quietly arrived here bear from the Czar a signal favor to Prince Bismarck as a present in honor of his birthday.

BERLIN, April 1.—All newspapers publish warm tributes to the worth and genius of Prince Bismarck. The opposition papers praise the chancellor's efforts during the present and recent years in maintaining peace among nations, and fulfilling his duty to the emperor and the German nation.

BERLIN, April 1.—Emperor William kissed Prince Bismarck several times during their interview to-day, and tears filled Bismarck's eyes. Visitors have streamed to the palace throughout the day, and thousands of congratulatory letters and telegraphic dispatches, including messages from all European courts, have been received. Emperor Francis Joseph and Count Kalnoke telegraphed congratulations. Bismarck this evening entertained 600 guests at a banquet.

EASTERN STATES.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 1.—Jas. E. Chandler and Jno. B. Clemings, cashiers of the First National Bank at Bushnell, were arrested and brought here to-day, charged with embezzling $60,000 or more of the bank's funds. They are held in bonds of $50,000.

WAKESBORO, Pa., April 1.—It is estimated that 40,000 sheep have died in this country during the last three months owing to the scarcity of feed and the unusual severity of the winter. Farmers say the woollen industry has received a backset that will take years to recover.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The question of diplomatic relations between the Holy See and England, the United States and the English speaking countries generally is likely to be solved before long in the appointment of Monsignor De Rende, now papal nuncio at Paris, to a high post at the Propaganda, with the title of "Cardinal Protector of English-speaking Catholics."

THE NORTHWEST.

WINNIPEG, April 1.—Dispatches from Battleford to-day show improvements in the situation there. Messages received from the agent of the Hudson Bay Co. say that the Indians have left town and gone in a westerly direction. The women in the barracks are greatly relieved, feeling that the Indians don't contemplate attacking them. Every precaution has been taken to repel the Indians should they make an attack. J. Strong, one of the men in the barracks, wires as follows: "With heavy attack our situation is critical." It is understood from this that the Indians are believed not to have gone far, and that the danger from attack is not yet over.

TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 1.—The government is in arrears to soldiers for several months pay, and to-day the wives of soldiers to the number of 2,000 attempted to secure attention to their husbands' demands by appearing in force at the office of the minister of finance. The finance minister made a plausible excuse for the delay in paying the men, but the women declared his answer was unsatisfactory and made a rush for him. He, however, escaped by jumping out of the back window.

CHINA.

HONGKONG, April 2.—The French on Monday began an attack on Ping Pao or Fisher's island situated in and commanding the channel between Formosa and China. The mainland engagement lasted until late Tuesday when the French succeeded in securing an occupation. French losses are reported to have been trifling, only three being killed and 12 wounded, while it is said the Chinese lost 600.

PARIS, April 2.—Gen. DeLisle telegraphs as follows from Hanoi under date of Wednesday: "Gen. Negrier is making favorable progress toward recovery. He has no feverish symptoms. The evacuation of Langson seems to have been slightly hurried especially after the success of our counter attack which was made without serious loss. The French brigade has 20 days' ammunition and provisions and is able to await the convoy. The situation is better than the overdrawn accounts of the past few days had led me believe." Col. Des Bordes to-day assumed command of the Chu Brigade."

Le Paris reasserts that China has accepted the French peace proposals and declares the French defeat at Langson occurred beforehand and yet Mr. Campbell on Thursday evening imparted to M. Ferry the Chinese reply which was favorable, China only reserving certain details in regard to the date and manner of evacuation of Tonquin by the Chinese troops.

INDIA.

RAWUL PINDI, April 2.—The first formal conference between the Ameer and Earl Dufferin was held to-day, lasting three h